

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 18 are independent. In light of the remarks made herein, together with the remarks made in the Reply After Final filed October 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview conducted December 4, 2003. During the interview, Applicants presented arguments that *Sklarew* fails to teach or suggest a method for generating an association with regard to information by means of a handheld device arranged to sense the absolute position coding pattern characterized by sensing when the handheld device passes over a discontinuity in the absolute position coding pattern. The parties agreed. Based upon this agreement, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the final rejection and withdraw the outstanding claim rejections.

The Examiner further indicated that claim 2 and, similarly, claim 19 contain allowable subject matter.

The Examiner further presented arguments during the interview that the claims were broad enough to read on a bar code system where a bar code machine could read a bar code that senses (as indicated in the Interview Summary). Applicants respectfully

disagree with the Examiner's assertions. However, as there is no current rejection on record that is related to a bar code system, Applicants respectfully withhold their comments regarding any of these teachings until such time as an appropriate rejection is made.

Based upon the discussions during the interview, Applicants respectfully request the outstanding rejections, together with the finality of the outstanding Official Action, be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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